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Hi Dick,

Thanks for your letter of Feb 26. Gosh, can that date be right? Seems like your letter just recently arrived. Well, maybe it took a while to get forwarded.

I'm spending a year in Georgia, will return to my old California address in July. I'm devoting this year entirely to 2068 projects, soft and hard. I don't have a current catalog, since things are so much in flux.

My latest marketing approach is TRY BEFORE BUY. That is, when folks order stuff, they need send only $3 to cover shipping. When they get what they've ordered, they pay just for what they like and wish to purchase, returning the rest where feasible.

Basically, folks can just write and describe their needs or desires, and equipment; I'll send them whatever I feel would suit their needs, customized for their equipment where possible: that is, for disk system, drive type, and printer interface... but NOT for printer type; folks who want graphics-oriented software such as Word-master should have or get an Epson-compatible printer.

The latest version of Mscript is V5.5. There are minor refinements; for example, the Larken variety includes a full cataloger which shows start-address and length of disk files; this can be added to text like the standard catalog. V5.5 costs $25; there's a $15 discount for those who have purchased earlier versions; extra varieties cost $5, for those who own more than one disk system. The extra-variety price applies to all other software as well.

The latest version of DFM (Disk File Manager) for Larken, Oliger or Aerco disk (with SPEC-DOS or TX-DOS) runs on 2068 or Spectrum equally well; the Larken variety includes a full cataloger, also available separately, as a short relocatbavle MC program called FULCAT.CR. DFM and FULCAT are shareware.

I can provide just about any non-game software ever written for 2068 or Spectrum, besides that which I've written myself. Prices upon request. If I didn't write the software, the lion's share of the price paid goes to the original author.

GYPSY V2 is a fairly nice graphics program. Costs $10. I also carry DRAW 512 by Billy McBrine, PC-DRAW (a fantastic printed-circuit board designer by M.D.M. Enterprises), EXTENDED PAINT by Dave Franson, and so on.

AERCO DISK owners should inquire about TX-DOS and SPEC-DOS!

HARDWARE:
I bought out Zebra's remaining stock of Zebra Disk stuff, and
can now offer whole Zebra disk systems, or components, at
reasonable prices; I have redesigned the Zebra Disk interface;
the new model is very small, requires no twister, and is
Spectrum-compatible.

I also offer a built-in Aerco-compatible printer interface for
$25. It is user-installable, but I also offer installation and
a "loaner 2068" if needed. The printer connector is installed on
the rear of the 2068.

I also offer a new kind of "romswitch": I replace the 16K 2068
ROM with a 64K eprom, whose four 16K sections are switch-
selectable: #1 = corrected 2068   #3 = corrected 2068+OS64
             #2 = corrected Spectrum #4 = unused at present.
The switch is mounted on the right rear of the 2068. Again, this
is user-installable, or I can install it. Furthermore, I can
include print-driver software (AERCO or TASMAN) in the 64K
eprom, making the 80-column printer the "native" printer upon
power-up, rather than the 2040.

I also offer an eprom programmer that installs on the rear of
the 2068 and handles 4K to 64K eproms. Software is included.
Prices: Plans only, $10; Kit $30; A&T $60.

Numerous other products are in the works: a fast spell-checker
for Mscript and Word-master, an inter-system DFM called XDFM, an
80-column display system called SYS80, a new and much improved
version of the DEVPAC assembler/disassembler, a full-screen
BASIC editor, and so on.

Regarding Word-master: though I'm very fond of it, I wouldn't
claim that it's superior to Pixel-Print, or to Mscript. It's
like comparing apples and oranges: each has its use, and each
excels for some purposes. Oranges make a poor pie, but most
folks prefer orange juice over apple juice with breakfast.

You ask what storage medium is required: I answer that I support
AERCO, OLIGER, LARKEN and ZEBRA disk systems, as well as
cassette. I support A&J minimally; MS V5.5 for A&J is nice, but
there is no specific A&J variety of most other software.

You ask what printer is required: I answer that the user is
always well-advised to have an Epson-compatible printer. I CAN
modify any software for "weird printers", but I don't have time
to do so in most cases, and am often hampered by not having the
weird printer available for test purposes.

You ask if I'm doing any programs for QL. I answer that I never
have and never will; I've sold my QL; just never got to like it.
I support only the 2068/Spectrum.

How you will condense all this information for inclusion in the
PLOTTER is a mystery to me; if you'd like it on disk, holler.